

Dear Applicant:

On August 13, 2001 President George W. Bush signed into law a bill authorizing the disbursement of \$697,516 in grant funds to the State of Utah.

Utah can use \$500,000 of this award to "support activities to promote agriculture", \$140,000 to support "specialty crop production" (except wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, peanuts, and tobacco), and \$57,916 may be used under the Emergency Food Assistance Program. The Utah Department of Agriculture and Food is seeking projects to fund and has created a structure to award funds to qualified projects.

It is anticipated that the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food will receive requests in an amount greater than allocated funds. A protocol has been established to evaluate all applications and make awards to the projects that are determined to have the greatest overall benefit to agriculture producers. It is hoped that funds from sources other than federal or state monies (matching funds) will compliment these state funds.

We welcome your project for evaluation. Please complete an application and all required addendums and return to the Department of Agriculture and Food along with your required project plan. If your project is selected, a Cooperative Agreement between the Department of Agriculture and Food and your project will be completed. For more information and an application form, contact Richard Sparks or Randy Parker at the department at: (801) 538-7106.